

Nantwich Urban District.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Health and Sanitary Condition

of the

Urban District of Nantwich,

for the Year 1923,

By J. D. MUNRO,

Medical Officer of Health,

and the

Report of the Sanitary Inspector,

P. BEBBINGTON.



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REPORT.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 703.

Estimated Population (middle 1923) 7,458, as given by the Registrar General.

Number of inhabited houses (1923) 1,744.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1923) approximately 100.

Rateable Value, £27,655 19s. 0d.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £100 2s. 4d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Total	M.	F.
Births :	144	70	74

(Of the above births 12 were illegitimate.)

Birth Rate 19·3.

Deaths 103. Death Rate 13·8.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:—

Legitimate 104·16. Illegitimate 0. Total 104·16.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...	...	...	...	8.
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	...	...	...	3.
„ „ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) ...	...	...	...	Nil.

The total number of deaths from Tuberculosis during the year numbered seven. All cases were notified.

DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

	AGE GROUPS.													Total cases notified	Cases admitt'd to Hospit'l	Total Deaths
	Under 1 Year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over				
Diphtheria ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	6	5	...
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	1	6	...	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Tuberculosis :—																
Pulmonary	M. 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	*2	*1	*2	...	6	...	3
Non-Pulmonary	F. 4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...
	M. 2	...														
	F. 2	...														

*Indicates age at which death occurred.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Cases.				Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	Notified	Treated		..				
		At Home	In Hospital					
	1	1			1	...	...	...

A special report on the case of Encephalitis Lethargica was prepared and forwarded to the Minister of Health at the time of illness.

MEASLES. An epidemic of Measles occurred during March and April, many cases being complicated by pneumonia, and eight deaths occurred.

The whole of the Day Schools in the District were closed and carefully disinfected and cleansed under supervision.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in the District is under the County, and there is one Nurse and one Midwife employed.

Two other Midwives are practising in the District.

Nurse Caley has left the district.

A Committee has been appointed to raise money by public Subscription to provide a Nurse for the district. A small charge is made to those who require the services of the Nurse and do not subscribe. Necessitous cases are attended free.

There is a Poor Law Institution in the District, and a Cottage Hospital situated just outside the District with Ambulance stationed in the District.

The Nantwich Joint Isolation Hospital is situated about half a mile from the District. Three diseases can be concurrently treated, and there are 41 available beds. There are also up-to-date Ambulance facilities and Steam Disinfecting Apparatus.

The Smallpox Hospital is situated at Ravensmoor, and is available for both Urban and Rural Districts.

LABORATORY WORK.

Bacteriological Examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, the number of Examinations being as follows:—Diphtheria 4; Human Tuberculosis Sputum 14.

Eleven specimens of Tuberculosis Sputum were examined at the County Laboratory.

Diphtheria Antitoxin is supplied by the Council free for necessitous cases.

WATER SUPPLY.

In order to obtain a supplementary supply of water, a trial boring was sunk at the Mere as requested by Dr. Lapworth, but proved unsuccessful. Pumping was carried out about one hour per day during September.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector, which is appended, shows in detail the work carried on during the year in the Health Department. It will be seen that a very considerable number of inspections have been made.

J. D. MUNRO.

March, 1924.

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THE Sanitary Inspector's Report.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Nantwich Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Annual Report of the work done in the Sanitary Department during the Year 1923.

The Report has been kept as brief as possible in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. BEBBINGTON, A.R.S.I.,

Sanitary Inspector.

March, 1924.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTOR'S WORK FOR 1923.

Pail Closets converted into W.C.'s	...	...	...	4
Privy-middens converted into Pail Closets	...	...	...	10
New W.C.'s erected	...	...	...	3
New W.C. Basins fixed in place of broken ones	...	...	...	3
Ashpits repaired	...	...	...	4
Ashpits abolished	...	...	...	1
Ashbins provided	...	...	...	51
New Closet Pails provided	...	...	...	67
Defective House Drains repaired	...	...	...	20
Stopped House Drains and W.C.'s cleared	...	...	...	158
Defective W.C. Cisterns repaired	...	...	...	5
New Cone to W.C.	...	...	...	1
New Inspection Chamber built	...	...	...	1
Vent Shaft repaired	...	...	...	1
New Sink fixed	...	...	...	2
New Sink Waste Pipe fixed	...	...	...	2
Trapped Gullies fixed in place of untrapped ones	...	...	...	7
Defective Eaves and Fall Spouts repaired	...	...	...	23
Defective House Roofs repaired	...	...	...	4
„ Closet Roofs repaired	...	...	...	2
„ Yard Paving repaired	...	...	...	15
„ Living Room Floors repaired	...	...	...	22
„ Bedroom Floors repaired	...	...	...	7
„ Brickwork repaired	...	...	...	12
Dilapidated Plastering repaired	...	...	...	26
New W.C. Seats	...	...	...	2
New Window fixed	...	...	...	1
Door and Frame to Well	...	...	...	1
Accumulations of Manure removed	...	...	...	4
Other Nuisances remedied	...	...	...	5

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1923.

One hundred and eighty-nine Informal Notices were served for the abatement of Nuisances; 181 have been complied with, and 8 are in hand.

Six Statutory Notices were served as follows:—

2—To abate nuisances arising from want of sufficient Ashpits (complied with).

4—To carry out repairs to Dwelling Houses.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS.

Dwelling Houses (General Inspections)	...	...	280
Back to back Houses...	...	...	16
Tents, Sheds, Vans, etc.,	...	...	21
Courts, Yards, Passages	...	...	978
Privy-middens, Earth or Pail Closets...	...	...	1,216
Ashpits and Dustbins	...	...	744
House Drainage (in course of construction)	...	...	298
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	17
Offensive Trades	...	...	86
Slaughter-houses	...	...	256
Other places where food is produced or sold...	...	...	95
Piggeries	...	...	47
Keeping of Animals	...	...	55
Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops	...	...	129
Factories, Workshops, and Workplaces	...	...	161
Outworkers' Premises	...	...	408
Bakehouses	...	...	58
Common Lodging-houses	...	...	174
Canal Boats	...	...	23
Infectious Disease Inquiries and Re-visits	...	...	74
Nuisances Re-visited	...	...	765
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	304
			6,205

The following table shows the number of sanitary conveniences, ashpits, etc., in the District at the end of the year 1922, and also at the end of 1923.

	1923	1922	Scavenged.
Water Closets	1072	1065	
Auto & T. Water			
Closets	41	44	
Pail Closets	1250	1244	Weekly
Midden Privies	8	40	Quarterly or when required
Dry Ashpits	498	489	" " "
Dustbins	713	713	Weekly

During the year 10 midden-privies have been converted into pail closets. The middens and under seats have been filled up to ground level with good hard rubbish and covered with concrete. In some cases doors and frames have been fixed in the outside walls for removal of pails, and in other cases wood fronts, made to open, have been fixed to closet seats. The roofs, walls, doors, floors, etc., have been repaired where necessary.

Four pail closets have been converted into water closets.

The ashpit scavenging has been carried out satisfactorily during the year, and there has been no cause for complaint.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary conveniences at the whole of the Schools in the District have been frequently inspected, and found satisfactory.

The whole of the Day Schools were closed during the latter part of March and beginning of April owing to Measles, and were carefully disinfected and cleansed under supervision.

COMMON LODGING-HOUSES.

There are four Registered Common Lodging-Houses in the District.

One hundred and seventy-four visits have been paid to these premises, which are well conducted and kept in a clean state.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922.

Eight Cowkeepers and Dairy-men, two Cowkeepers, Dairy-men and Wholesale Purveyors of Milk, one Dairyman and Wholesale Purveyor of Milk, one Dairyman, and twelve Retail Purveyors of Milk have been registered under the above Act.

All Cowsheds and Dairies have been inspected and have been kept in a cleanly state. Limewashing and disinfecting have been frequently carried out during the epidemic of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Three cases of Foot and Mouth Disease occurred in the District, 42 cattle being destroyed.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 19 retail Bakehouses in the District. These have been inspected and found satisfactory.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are 6 registered and 3 licensed private Slaughter Houses in the District, which have been frequently visited and found satisfactory.

FOOD SUPPLIES CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

The premises where food supplies are prepared and exposed for sale are regularly inspected, and no seizure of unsound food has been made during the year.

FRIED FISH SHOPS, COOKED MEAT SHOPS, ETC.

These premises are not regulated by Bye-laws, but are frequently inspected, and the businesses are carried out in a satisfactory manner.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

These premises are regularly inspected, are kept in a cleanly state, and no complaints as to nuisances arising therefrom have been received during the year.

The following is a list of the Offensive Trades established within the District, viz:—One large Tannery, a Fellmonger, and two Tripe Boilers.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION.

All cases of Infectious Disease notified had immediate attention; precaution papers containing instructions for preventing the spread of the disease were left, also liquid disinfectants for washing and cleansing purposes. After recovery or removal of the patients, the infected bedding and clothing were removed to the Isolation Hospital and disinfected by Steam. The infected rooms were afterwards sprayed with Formalin.

Twenty-three rooms were disinfected during the year.

Special attention was paid to the sanitary condition of the premises, and any defects found were immediately remedied.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

These Acts were administered by Officials appointed by the County Council.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during year—**1. Seven in course of construction.**

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)—**688.**

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910—**66.**

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—**Nil.**

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—**27.**

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers—**53.**

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—**4**.
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit (by owners)—**Nil**.
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close—**Nil**.

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—**181**.
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied (by owners)—**179**.

C.—Proceedings under Sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

- (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders—**Nil**.
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made—**Nil**.
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit—**Nil**.
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—**Nil**.
- (5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—**Nil**.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

All Factories and Workshops have been periodically inspected.

All Reports from the Factory Inspector received immediate attention.

OUTWORKERS.

Four hundred and eight visits have been paid to Outworkers' premises, and particular attention has been paid to the sanitary condition under which the outwork has been carried on, and a number of nuisances have been abated.

LICENCES.

During the year ten Licences for the sale and storage of Petroleum, three for the storage of Carbide of Calcium, one Game, one Pawnbroker's, and three Slaughter Houses have been renewed.

Seven Licences for the sale and storage of Petroleum and one for the storage of Carbide of Calcium have been granted.

ADOPTIVE AND LOCAL ACTS

IN FORCE IN THE URBAN DISTRICT.

	Date of adoption or when same came into force.
Baths and Washhouses Acts, 1846, 1847, 1878, 1882, 1899 	20th January, 1905.
Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889 	1st January, 1890.
Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890 	1st October, 1900.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 :—	
Parts 1 and 3 	18th July, 1894.
Part IV 	1st September, 1901.
Section 50 	3rd May, 1920.
Public Libraries' Acts, 1892, 1893, and 1901, (Offences) Act, 1898 ...	8th August, 1887.
Private Street Works Act, 1892 ...	26th April, 1895.
Notification of Births Act, 1907 ...	17th July, 1908.
Nantwich Urban District Council Act, 1903 	21st July, 1903.
Local Government Board's Provisional Orders (Confirmation) No. 7 Act, 1905 	21st August, 1905.
ditto. No. 4 Act, 1907	28th August, 1907.
ditto. No. 9 Act, 1912	7th August, 1912.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Part 3, Section 50 ...	3rd May, 1920.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON CANAL BOATS, 1923.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

PEPPER STREET,

NANTWICH,

7th January, 1924.

Twenty-three boats were inspected during the year, and with one exception were found in a satisfactory condition.

Nature of infringement :—The boat “Burland” required the roof and sides of cabin repairing and making watertight. The owner’s attention was called to the defect and the same was rectified.

One boat has been registered during the year, and one boat removed from the register.

There have been no notifications of Infectious Disease.

The occupants of the boats were as follows:—

Men	...	...	...	32
Women	...	...	...	18
Children	...	...	...	22

A considerable number of boats owned by the Shropshire Union Railway and Canal Company are still lying at different centres, waiting to be sold.

A number of visits were paid to the Canal, but no boats were found plying at the time.

Several boats have been re-inspected.

(Signed)

P. BEBBINGTON, A.R.S.I.,

Inspector.